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NGA deputy leads agency acquisition changes

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — A streamlined and more efficient acquisition system is the goal of a new initiative announced internally Oct. 5 by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's deputy director, Sue Gordon.

"A few months ago, I began a dialogue with [the workforce] about improving the agency's acquisition system," Gordon wrote. "To further demonstrate my commitment to acquisition reform, last month I assembled a subset of NGA's most senior leaders — those involved in day-to-day acquisition decisions — and charged [them] with identifying barriers to making our acquisition efforts faster, clearer, leaner and better and to establish a clear action plan to remove those barriers."

Gordon's agencywide letter shares the results of those discussions and her plans moving forward, which includes moving the agency's acquisition authority directly under the director of plans and programs and dispersing a small group of acquisition experts throughout the agency. Gordon also outlines ways to improve communication of acquisition decisions and ways to measure the success of the implemented changes.

"With your energy, ideas, and commitment to the mission and the organizational framework presented above, I have great confidence that, between us, we have the power to transform NGA's acquisition system," Gordon wrote. "Let's get to it."

Read: Tuning NGA's Acquisition System to Deliver Mission Results

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